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SUBJECT:DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY: DISCUSSION WITH

- ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GAJA

SUMMARY. COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND EUR DEPASSTSEC LOWENSTEIN MET SEPTEMBER 2 WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GAJA TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST. GAJA SPOKE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF EC PRESIDENCY, BUT NOTED THAT SINCE CONVERSATION PRECEDED SEPTEMBER 3-4 EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 11-12 EC MINISTERIAL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) IN VENICE POSITIONS OF NINE ON MANY CURRENT ISSUES NOT YET KNOWN. TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED REACTION TO SINAI ACCORD, MOVES TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT, CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, CYPRUS, PORTUGAL, AND PROPOSALS FOR AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

1. REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SINAI ACCORD, GAJA SAID NINE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF AGREEMENT AND ANY AVAILABLE BACKGROUND MATERIAL, AS WELL AS ESTIMATES OF NEXT STEPS TO BE PURSUED, PRIOR TO VENICE EC-9 MINISTERIAL SEPTEMBER 11-12 WHERE SINAI ACCORD WOULD BE DISCUSSED. GAJA HIMSELF VIEWED THE AGREEMENT AS A VERY FAVORABLE STEP, BUT NOT A FINAL ONE. HE SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 3-4 WOULD PROBABLY DRAFT A STATEMENT FOR THE EC-9 MINISTERIAL APPLAUDING THE AGREEMENT AND ENCOURAGING FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE AREA. SONNENFELDT EXPRESSED HOPE EC WOULD STAY IN CONTACT WITH US AS STATEMENT WAS FORMULATED. GAJA SAID

EC WOULD, NOTING THAT HE DID NOT THINK OUR POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE WOULD DIFFER. HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH AFTER POLITICAL DIRECTORS MET.

2. MOVES TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA. GAJA INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH SONNENFELDT STATEMENT THAT WHILE WE FIND MODERATES' REJECTION OF MILITANT SUSPENSION MOVES AT OAU AND LIMA NAC ENCOURAGING, AND HOPE THAT ME PROGRESS WILL FURTHER ISOLATE SUCH MOVES, SITUATION WARRANTS CLOSE WATCHING AS UNGA OPENS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF COMPLICATIONS

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CAUSED BY PROBABLE MOVES TO SUSPEND SOUTH AFRICA. SONNENFELDT SAID WE MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH ITALIAN PRESIDENCY WHEN SESSION BEGINS.

3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT. GAJA CONFIRMED THAT SPECIFICS OF WHO AMONG NINE WOULD GIVE WHAT ASSISTANCE REMAIN UNDECIDED. HE SAID THAT WITH BASIC EC AGREEMENT ON POLITICAL DESIRABILITY OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, IT WAS HOPED THAT SPECIFICS COULD NOW MOVE AHEAD. TAKING NOTE OF RECENT US BILATERAL DEMARCHES IN SUPPORT OF ASSISTANCE, GAJA INDICATED SOME DOUBT THAT ITALY AS SUCH COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION.

4. CSC IMPLEMENTATION. LOWENSTEIN SAID THAT US WISHES TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBLE MECHANISM FOR CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. WE FORESEE VARIETY OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE CONTEXTS OF NATO, EC, AND BILATERALS AS WELL. GAJA NOTED THAT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD BE DISCUSSING WHAT EC COULD "EXTORT" FROM EAST EUROPEANS IN IMPLEMENTING CSCE MEASURES. HE SAID ITALIANS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SOVIETS IN MOSCOW AFTER THE HELSINKI SUMMIT CONCERNING POSSIBLE UN RECOGNITION OF CSCE RESULTS. GAJA WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER SOVIETS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF "REGISTRATION" OF CSCE FINAL ACT WITH UNSYG, OR OF A UNGA RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ACT. GAJA INDICATED THAT IN EITHER CASE EC MEMBERS WOULD WANT TO TAKE A LONG AND HARD LOOK AT ANY SOVIET PROPOSALS. HE NOTED THAT CSCE HAD BEEN A CONSENSUS EFFORT AND THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT EMBODYING IT IN A UN RESOLUTION TO BE VOTED UPON BY SIMPLE MAJORITY. THE WORDING OF SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE SCRUTINIZED CAREFULLY. SONNENFELDT SAID USG WOULD ALSO HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IF SOVIETS RAISED MATTER, AND THAT WE WOULD LOOK INTO LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN ISSUE AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ALLIES ON IT, PERHAPS IN THE NATO CONTEXT.

5. EC-CYPRUS. GAJA SAID EC NINE WOULD REVIEW DEMARCHES

ON CYPRUS ISSUE AND DECIDE WHAT FURTHERSTEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN. HE INDICATED AN EC POSITION COULD NOT BE EXPECTED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 11-12 EC-9 MINISTERIAL, I.E., AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 8-9 ROUND OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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YORK, AND ASKED WHETHER A US CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON A PARTIAL LIFT OF THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE THEN. HE WAS INFORMED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT BUT THAT CHANCES FOR A VOTE IN CONGRESS BEFORE EC MINISTERS MEET DOES NOT APPEAR PROMISING. GAJA COMMENTED IT MIGHT BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR NINE TO TAKE A FIRM POSITION IF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES NOT YET CLEAR.

6. PORTUGAL. GAJA SAID NINE HAD NO AGREED REACTION YET TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL. HE SAID THAT ITALY WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE DIRECTION EVENTS WERE TAKING. HE NOTED THAT ITALY WITH OTHERS OF THE NINE HAD MADE DEMARCHES IN LISBON. SONNENFELDT AND LOWENSTEIN AGREED DEMARCHES HAD BEEN USEFUL AND MORE CALLS MIGHT BE EVEN MORE USEFUL IN LIGHT OF SITUATION EVOLVING FROM RECENT CHANGES. GAJA INDICATED NO DOUBT EC WOULD STICK WITH POSITION OF STRICTLY CONDITIONING POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE ON EXISTENCE OF TRULY PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, AND NO QUESTION BUT THAT GOP AWARE THAT CONDITION NOT BEING MET AT PRESENT. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO GAJA THAT GOP MIGHT BENEFIT FROM HAVING THIS REAFFIRMED TO THEM BY NINE.

7. KOREA AT UNGA. SONNENFELDT STRESSED HIGH PRIORITY USG ATTACHES TO KOREA ISSUE AT UNGA, AND TO FINDING OPPOSING RATHER THAN MERE ABSTAINING VOTES ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. GAJA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF ITALIAN POSITION BUT WAS SURE ITALY WOULD WANT TO CONSULT AMONG THE NINE.

8. ECONOMIC SUMMIT. GAJA SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY MINISTER RUMOR TO INDICATE ITALY'S OPPOSITION TO ANY SYSTEM WHERE AN "ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE" WOULD BY-PASS EXISTING ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND IGNORE CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, A PRACTICE WHICH GAJA SAID IS INJURIOUS TO PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN UNITY. SONNENFELDT ASKED WHETHER ITALY'S VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE WERE BEING PASSED TO "OTHERS", TO WHICH GAJA RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. SONNENFELDT SAID USG STUCK BY POSITION ENUNCIATED AT HELSINKI BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, THAT WE HAD NOT

BEEN ASKED TO DECIDE THE COMPOSITION OF CERTAIN CONSULTATION.
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TIONS REQUESTED BY OTHERS, AND THAT THE USG HAS NO DESIRE TO ESTABLISH ANY SORT OF DIRECTORATE. SONNENFELDT ALSO NOTED THAT OUR AUGUST 31 CONSULTATIONS ON US UNSS SPEECH HAD INCLUDED ITALY IN ITS PRESIDENCY ROLE, A FACT GAJA ACKNOWLEDGED AND WELCOMED, THAT WASHINGTON MEETINGS WITH

MINISTRY SYG MANZINI WERE SCHEDULED THIS WEEK, AND THAT A MEETING WITH RUMOR DURING THE UNGA WAS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AT THIS MOMENT. ROBINSON

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